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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1963



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M.D., D.P.H.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Ashley Woodes Urban District Council.

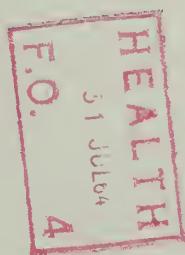
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28th July, 1964.

Sir,

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1963.

In accordance with the provisions of the Ministry of Health Circular 1/64 I enclose herewith four copies of the above Report.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R. W. D.

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Ashley,
Burton-on-Trent,*

Clerk of the Council.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Health,
Alexander Fleming House,
Elephant & Castle,
London S.E. 1.

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ASHBY WOULD'S URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

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SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

H.H. Ford, Cert. R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
(resigned 16th September, 1963).

W.A. Stocker, Cert. R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
(commenced 11th November, 1963).

Contents of Report.

To: The Chairman and Members of The Ashby Woulds Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1963.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population has remained the same.

The birth rate (16.8) is lower than last year (18.3) and lower than that for England and Wales (18.2)

The death rate (10.3) is lower than last year (15.4) and lower than that for England and Wales (12.2)

Again as for many years past the chief causes of death were in diseases associated with elderly people.

I am pleased that the number of children receiving immunisation against Whooping Cough and Diphtheria remains high.

There were 16 cases of infectious disease of which 12 were Measles and 4 Whooping Cough.

No case of Tuberculosis was notified during the year.

There has been further damage to Council water mains, sewers and houses due to mining subsidence.

Efforts have been made to maintain satisfactory effluents from the three sewage disposal works in the district.

No actual start was made in 1963 on the plans for joint sewage works with the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Rural District Council and the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council.

4 houses have been erected by private enterprise and 5 were under construction by private enterprise at the end of the year.

The number of applicants waiting for Council Houses is 61 and the number of fresh applications received during the year was 17.

The standard of hygiene in the shops and canteens in the district is most satisfactory.

Good progress continues to be made in the implementing of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1961.

It is a pleasure to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman, Members and Officers of the Council, the Public Health Department of the County Council and the General Practitioners in the locality for their help and co-operation.

In particular, I would like to thank Mr. H. H. Ford Surveyor and Public Health Inspector and his successor Mr. W. A. Stocker for valuable assistance throughout the year.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McM. W. Segerdal.

Medical Officer of Health.

RESIDENCE.

'Belvoir Cottage',
Belvoir Road,
COALVILLE,
Leicestershire.

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SECTION 'A'.

General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area of District in Acres	2427
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	3370
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1963	1104
Rateable Value 1st April, 1963	£161,449
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (Estimated)	£ 725
Comparability - Births	1.07
- Deaths	1.18

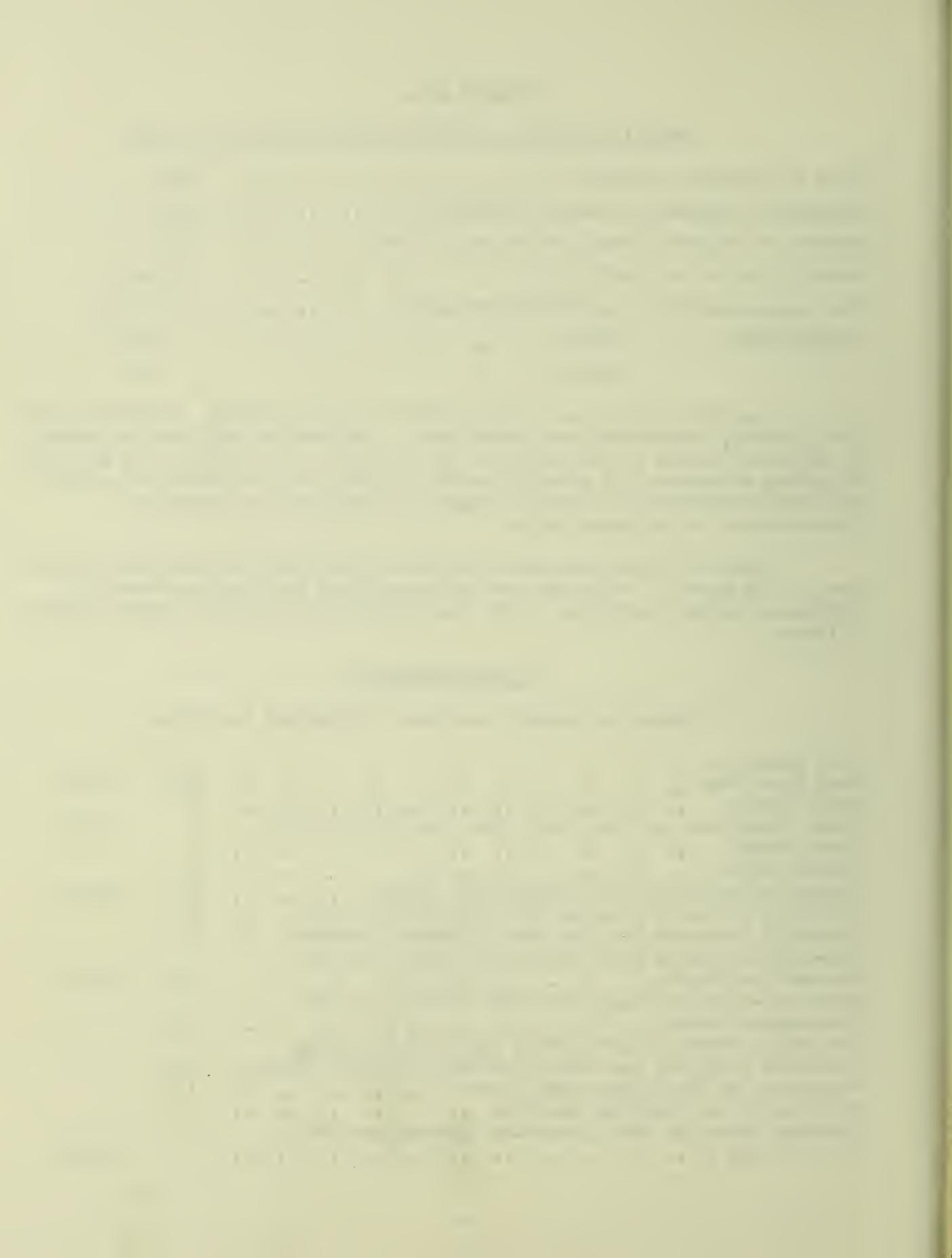
The chief industries of the district are Coal Mining; Earthenware and Clay Working; Engineering and Agriculture. No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the district. The district is affected by mining subsidence but prompt attention to the damage to mains and sewers has ensured that there is little danger to health and the minimum of inconvenience to the inhabitants.

There are three recreation grounds in the Urban District with a total area of $10\frac{1}{4}$ acres. Works are not quite completed for the improvement of childrens playing facilities at the Occupation Road recreation ground, Albert Village.

VITAL STATISTICS.

(figures in brackets are those for England and Wales)

Live Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	
Live Birth Rate ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.8	(18.2)
Still Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	
Still Birth Rate per 1000 Total (Live and Still) Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	(17.3)
Total Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	
Infant Deaths ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56.6	(20.9)
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Legitimate Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57.7	
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Illegitimate Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (First Four Weeks) per 1000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Related Live Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56.6	(14.2)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (First Week) per 1000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Related Live Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56.6	
Pre-natal Mortality Rate (Still and Early Neo-natal Mortality Combined) per 1000 Total Live and Still Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56.6	
Percentage of Illegitimate Live Births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.9	
Maternal Deaths Including Abortion ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	
Maternal Mortality Rate (Including Abortion per 1000 Total Births ) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	(0.28)



		<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births	- Legitimate	27.	25.	52.
	- Illegitimate	0.	1.	1.
		<u>27.</u>	<u>26.</u>	<u>53.</u>

Still Births	- Legitimate	0	0	0
	- Illegitimate	0	0	0
		<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

Total Births (Live and Still) 53.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths	17.	16.	33.

Death Rate per 1000 of population 10.3 (12.2)

Deaths of Infants Under 1 year of age :-

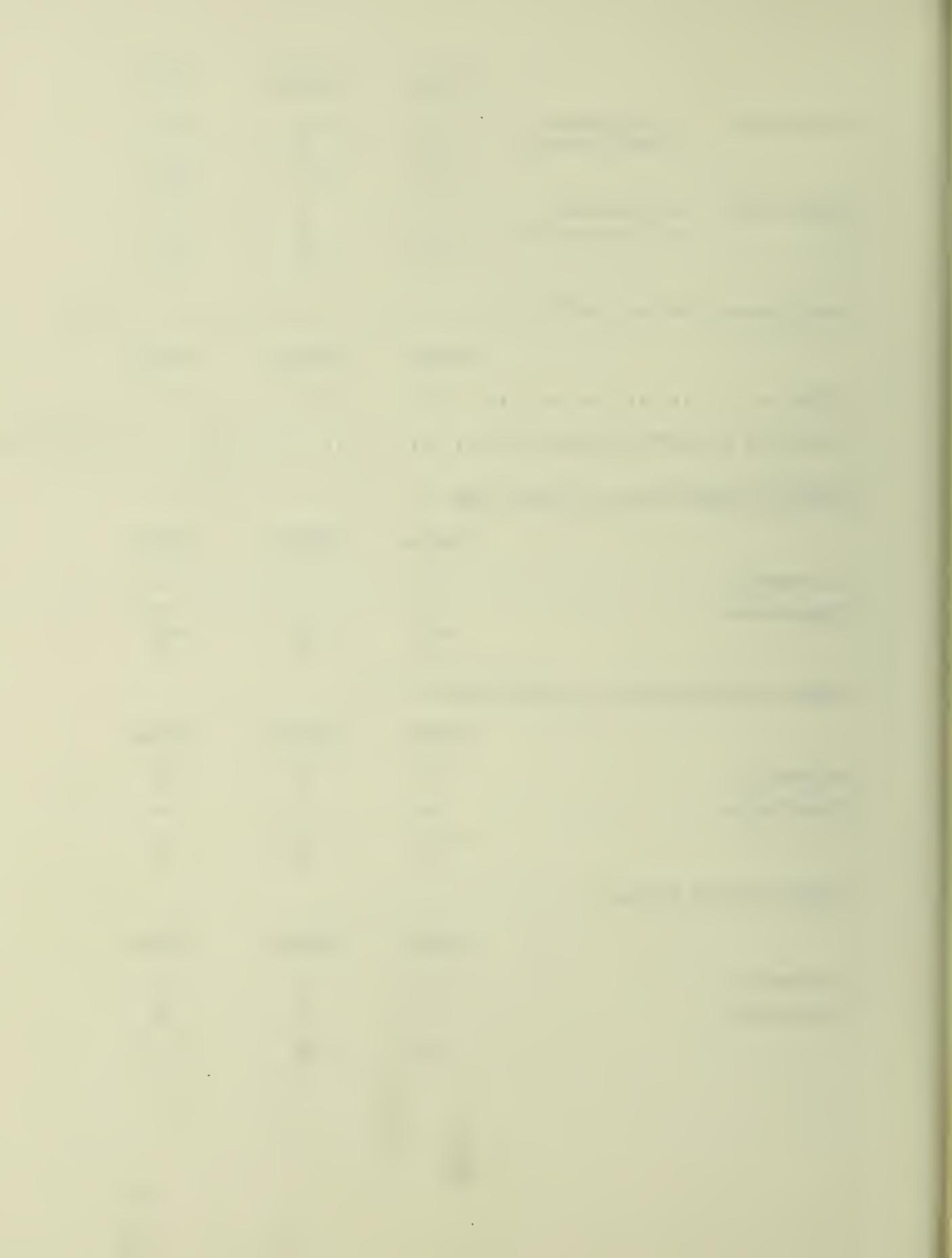
	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1.	2.	3.
Illegitimate	0.	0.	0.
	<u>1.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>3.</u>

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1.	2.	3.
Illegitimate	0.	0	0.
	<u>1.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>3.</u>

Early Neo-natal Deaths:-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	1.	2.	3.
Illegitimate.	0.	0.	0.
	<u>1.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>3.</u>



Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Sex.</u>	<u>Total all ages.</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>Over 4 weeks</u>	<u>age in years</u>							
			<u>4 weeks.</u>	<u>under 1 year</u>	1-5	15-25	35-45	55-65	75+			
Malignant Neoplasm	M.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 1		
Stomach.	F.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 -		
Malignant Neoplasm	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Lung Bronchus.	F.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 -		
Malignant Neoplasm	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Breast.	F.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 -		
Other Malignant and	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Lymphatic Neoplasms.	F.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 -		
Vascular Lesions of	M.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 -		
Nervous System	F.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 1		
Coronary Disease	M.	7	-	-	-	-	1	1	2 2	1		
Angina.	F.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 -		
Other Heart Diseases	M.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 1		
	F.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 -		
Other Circulatory	M.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 -		
Diseases.	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pneumonia.	M.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		
	F.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		
Bronchitis.	M.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 1		
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Other Defined and	M.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ill Defined Diseases	F.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TOTALS ALL CAUSES		M.	17.	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	7	5
		F.	16.	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	2
TOTAL		M & F	33	3	-	-	-	1	1	5	16	7

SECTION 'C'.

General Provisions of the Health Services in the Area.

Hospitals.

All hospitals except a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Board. The County Homes for the aged and infirm are under the auspices of the County Council. When their residents take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Measham Road, Moira. The Ante-natal Clinics are held at Bridge Road, Coalville and the Tuberculosis Clinics at Markfield Hospital under the Regional Hospital Board. Relaxation classes for pregnant mothers are held at Ivanhoe Community Centre, Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Wednesday mornings except during school holidays.

Ambulance Facilities.

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone and Rawdon Collieries.

Nursing.

All district Nursing and Midwifery is under the control of the County Council.

Health Visiting.

This work is provided by the County Council and is very ably carried out in this area. A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinics at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes on request.

Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory is at the Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

Examinations performed as certified by the Public Health Laboratory.

Faeces and Urine.	1.
Sputa.	4.
Blood.	2.
7.	

Generally there is co-operation between the local Authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and Hospital Boards and the tendency is towards closer integration.

SECTION 'B'.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Disease.

Infectious Disease (Other than Tuberculosis) During 1963.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Final Numbers After Correction.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted To Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Measles.	12.	0.	0.
Whooping Cough.	4.	0.	0.
	16.	0.	0.

Anslysis Under Age Groups According to Registrar General's Return 118d.

<u>Age Groups.</u>	<u>Measles.</u>	<u>Whooping Cough.</u>
Under 1 year.	1.	0.
1 to 2 years.	0.	0.
2 to 3 years.	3.	1.
3 to 4 years.	1.	0.
4 to 5 years.	3.	2.
5 to 9 years.	3.	1.
9 to 15 years.	1.	0.
15 to 24 years.	0.	0.
24 and over	0.	0.
65 and over	0.	0.
	12.	4.

Immunisation against Diphtheria.

Number of children who were immunised during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1963.

<u>Age at 31st December, 1963.</u>	<u>Born in Year.</u>	<u>Primary Immunisation.</u>	<u>Booster Injection.</u>
Under 1 year	1963.	14.	0.
1 year	1962.	27.	6.
2 years.	1961.	1.	0.
3 years.	1960.	0.	0.
4 years.	1959.	1.	5.
5 to 9 years.	1954 to 1958.	1.	23.
10 to 14 years.	1950 to 1953.	0.	3.
		44.	37.

Statement of Particulars Appearing in the Tuberculosis Register
For the Year Ending 31st December, 1963.

	Males.		Females.		<u>Totals.</u>
	Pul.	Non-pul.	Pul.	Non-pul.	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year.	6.	1.	7.	0.	14.
Number of cases notified for the first time during the year.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Number of cases added to register other than by formal notification.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Number of cases removed restored to register.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Number of cases removed from the register during the year.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Number of cases remaining on the register at the end of the year.	6.	1.	7.	0.	14.

No cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year.

There is full co-operation between Local Authority and the Chest Physician at Markfield Hospital and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, re-housing or in employment.

A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily at Markfield and General Practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.

SECTION 'D'.

Sanitary Circumstances in the Area.

Water Supply.

The water supply to the whole of the district was satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Much time and trouble was again necessitated in the location and repair of fractured mains. Generally speaking, prompt attention ensured that supplies were disrupted for as short a time as possible. The formation of the North West Leicestershire Water Board is now expected during 1965.

Sewage Disposal.

Efforts have been made to maintain satisfactory effluents from all three sewage disposal works.

It is expected that further mining subsidence will shortly necessitate the main sewage works in Donisthorpe Lane being abandoned.

The Council's Consultant Engineers are at present exploring the possibility of treating sewage from the lower regions of the district at a joint works with the Ashby Rural District Council at Donisthorpe.

It has been recommended that all sewage from the proposed development at Norris Hill, together with that from existing properties north east of Moira Station be diverted to the Blackfordby outfall sewer for eventual treatment at the Ashby Urban District Council's sewage works at Packington. No actual start was made in 1963 on the plans with Ashby R.D.C and Ashby U.D.C.

Sewers.

In a district which is badly affected by subsidence it is surprising that sewers and drains continue to function as well as they do. Troubles were mainly of a minor nature and were attended to immediately.

Closet Accommodation.

The total number in the district on 31st December, 1963.

Privies ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Pail Closets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17.
W/C's	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1122.

Pail closets are emptied weekly by the use of a Shelvoke and Drewry Cesspool Emptying Machine and cesspools as necessary. Contents are taken to the sewage works for treatment.

Public Cleansing.

The whole district is covered by use of a Shelvoke and Drewry Refuse Freighter and a weekly collection is always maintained. Disposal is by partially controlled tipping into a worked out clay quarry.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

(a) Total number of complaints	110.
(b) Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	85.

Inspections Made.

	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>
Animal Keeping.	3.
Bakehouses.	8.
Dairies.	0.
Drainage Works.	125.
Dwelling Houses.	360.
Infectious Diseases (Enquiries).	0.
Food Poisoning (Enquiries).	0.
Food Premises.	65.
Offensive Trades.	0.
Refuse Collection and Disposal.	53.
Rodent Control.	45.
Schools.	6.
Shops.	25.
Slaughter Houses and Meat Inspection.	165.
Smoke Control.	25.
Tents, Vans and Sheds.	20.
Verminous and Dirty Premises.	4.
Water Supply.	36.
Factories and Workshops.	24.
Other Inspections.	260.
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Notices.

Preliminary:-

- Outstanding on 1st January 1963.
- Issued during the year.
- Complied with during the year.
- Outstanding on 31st December, 1963.

Housing.

- 1.
- 10.
- 9.
- 3

Public Health.

- 3.
- 18.
- 15.
- 6.

Statutory :-

No Statutory Notices were served and no summary action was required.

Shops.

Particulars of action taken during the year under Section 38 of The Shops Act, 1950.

	<u>Outstanding</u> <u>From Previous</u> <u>Years.</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>Found</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>Remedied</u>	<u>Outstanding</u> <u>31st December, 1963.</u>
Lighting.	0.	2.	1.	1.
Sanitary Conveniences.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Washing Facilities.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Facilities for taking meals.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Temperature.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Ventilation.	0.	0.	0.	0.

The Pet Animals Act, 1951.

There are no pet shops in the Urban District.

The Rag Flock and Other Filling Act, 1951.

No action.

Swimming Baths and Pools Open to the Public.

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Activities under this heading have been very comparable and closely follow the pattern of work carried out during preceding years. All Council owned properties are regularly inspected and infestations dealt with as they arise. There is routine control of areas known to be infested, together with immediate attention to all complaints.

A survey of all manholes confirms that the rat population of the sewers is negligible - possibly due to surcharging. The few minor infestations were treated until no more takes were recorded.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Number of Site Licences issued:-

- (a) Individual Vans. 7.
- (b) More than one van. 0.

All sites are expected to comply with Model Standards as issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, under the Caravan Sites Act, 1960.

Housing.

The only housing development during the year was the completion of 4 houses by private enterprise. 5 houses were commenced and in progress at 31st December, 1963.

Number of Post War Houses Completed by:-

Local Authority	222.
Private Enterprise.	78.
TOTAL	300.

Number of applications for Council Houses at the end of the year. 61.

Number of applications received during the year. 17.

Housing Summary.

Total number of houses in the district. 1104.

Total number of Council Houses occupied in the district. 354.

Much time and attention was again required to deal with problems resulting from mining subsidence.

SECTION 'E'.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Ice-cream.

Number of Premises Registered.

Manufacture.	NIL.
Retail Only.	7.

Milk Supply.

Dairies and Distributors.

	<u>No. of Premises.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>
Dairies.	NIL.	NIL.
Distributors.	6.	NIL.

5 samples of milk taken in the district during the year by the County Council sampling officers were satisfactory and passed either biological or bacteriological tests.

Meat and Other Foods.

Record of Animals Killed and Inspected.

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>excluding</u> <u>cows.</u>	<u>Cows.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>	<u>Horses.</u>
Number Killed.	58.	13.	0.	154.	47.	0.
Number Inspected.	58.	13.	0.	154.	47.	0.
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis.</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	4.	0.	0.	5.	0.	0.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis or Cysticercus.	6.9%	0.	0.	2%.	0.	0.
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>						
Whole carcases condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Percentage of the number inspected, affected with Tuberculosis.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
<u>Cysticercus.</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	1.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Generalised and totally condemned.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.

Number of Slaughter-houses in the area.	1.
Number of Animals Slaughtered in the area.	272.
Number of Animals Examined therein.	272.
Number of Inspections made of the meat following slaughter.	272.
Number of Knackers Yards in the area.	0.
Meat Stalls including Mobile Shops	None (Two Mobile Meat Vans)
Number of inspections.	4.
Meat Shops, Stores etc.,	3.
Number of Inspections.	8.

Places Where Food (Other Than Meat) is Kept or Prepared for Sale.

Number of inspections.	40.
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Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1961.

The standard of hygiene in food shops and premises is very satisfactory and owners, managers and staff are most co-operative in endeavouring to maintain the high standard of cleanliness.

Number of premises inspected	28..
Number of inspections made for the purpose.	80.
Number of informal notices served.	10..
Number of informal notices complied with	4.
Number of informal notices outstanding on 31st December, 1963.	6.
Number of formal notices served.	0.
Number of formal notices complied with.	0.
Number of formal notices outstanding on 31st December, 1963.	0.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the
Factories Act, 1937 and 1948 Part 1 of the Act.

Resume of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1963 which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

Part 1 of the Act.

Inspection for the Purposes of Provisions as to Health.
(Including Inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	2.	6.	0.
2. Factories not included : in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	12.	14.	0.
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	4.	4.	0.
	18.	24.	0.

Part 8 of the Act, Outwork (Section 110 and 111).

There are NO current entries in the Register of Outworkers.

